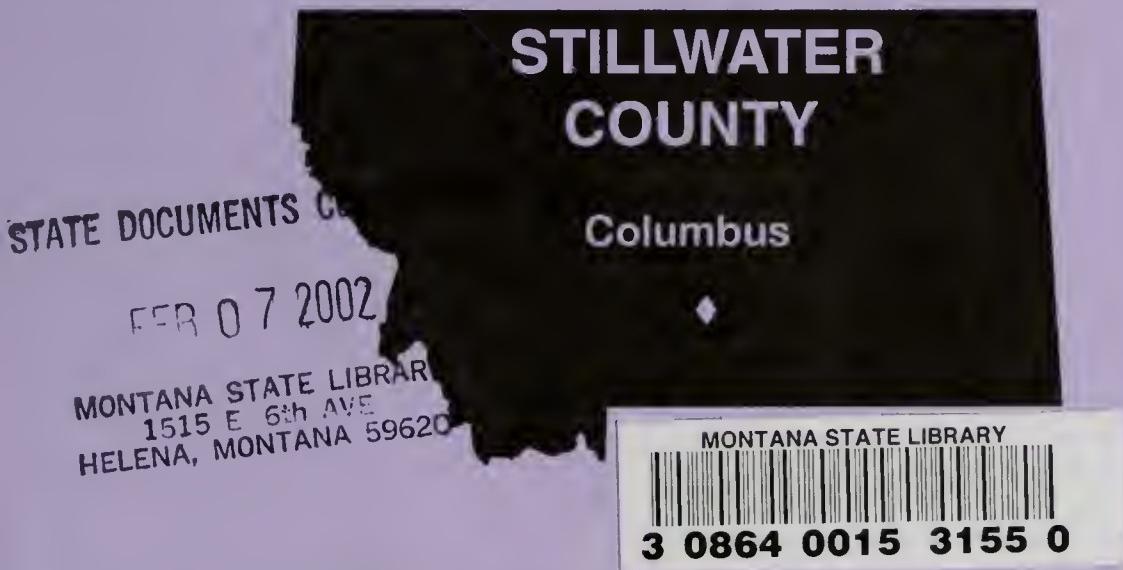


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Cities and Towns in Stillwater County

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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Stillwater County

Located in southcentral Montana, Stillwater County is Montana's 26th most populated county with 8,195 residents, according to the 2000 Census.

Columbus, the county seat, is the state's 39th largest city with a population of 1,748. The county is home to the Stillwater Mining Company platinum and palladium mine, one of only a few of its kind in the world. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1913 and was organized from parts of Carbon, Sweet Grass and Yellowstone Counties. At one time, the county was Crow Indian land. According to the authors, a Crow legend says the Stillwater River was named after a beautiful woman and her betrothed who died there. The almanac says Columbus started as a stage station on the Yellowstone Trail and the Columbus quarry furnished stone for the State Capitol in Helena.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Stillwater County households in 1998 was \$36,425. The county is 1,804.7 square miles in area; 1,794.7 square miles in land area and 10 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Columbus in January between 1961 and 1990 was 9.3 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 87.0 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 14.74 inches and the growing season was from May 20 to Sept. 19 (last and first frost).

Stillwater County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90	% Change '80 to '00
Montana	902,195	799,065	786,690	12.9%	1.6%	14.7%
Stillwater County	8,195	6,536	5,598	25.4%	16.8%	46.4%
Columbus	1,748	1,573	1,439	11.1%	9.3%	21.5%

1998 New Businesses by Industry

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Top 10 Private Employers In Stillwater County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

Second Quarter 2001 Unemployment Insurance Information.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Stillwater County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2000	4,883	4,646	237	4.9%
1999	4,767	4,570	197	4.1%
1998	4,210	4,008	202	4.8%
1997	4,060	3,838	222	5.5%
1996	3,938	3,760	178	4.5%
1995	3,715	3,531	184	5.0%
1994	3,542	3,388	154	4.3%
1993	3,372	3,233	139	4.1%
1992	3,283	3,071	212	6.5%
1991	3,205	2,928	277	8.6%
1990	3,291	3,162	129	3.9%
1989	3,328	3,193	135	4.1%
1988	3,153	3,012	141	4.5%
1987	3,063	2,869	194	6.3%
1986	2,685	2,462	223	8.3%
1985	2,524	2,330	194	7.7%
1984	2,605	2,382	223	8.6%
1983	2,161	1,918	243	11.2%
1982	2,412	2,206	206	8.5%
1981	2,340	2,246	94	4.0%
1980	2,248	2,163	85	3.8%
1979	2,267	2,192	75	3.3%
1978	2,108	2,012	96	4.6%
1977	1,985	1,881	104	5.2%
1976	2,034	1,938	96	4.7%
1975	1,938	1,843	95	4.9%
1974	1,884	1,815	69	3.7%
1973	1,774	1,699	75	4.2%
1972	1,757	1,673	84	4.8%
1971	1,838	1,733	105	5.7%
1970	1,766	1,699	67	3.8%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2001 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	3,094	1,738	1,356
<i>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</i>			
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	467	241	226
Professional Specialty Occupations	175	96	79
<i>Technical, Sales and Adminnistrative Support Occupations</i>			
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	670	202	468
Sales Occupations	89	33	56
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	222	106	116
<i>Service Occupations</i>			
Private Household Occupations	359	63	296
Protective Service Occupations	464	103	361
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	19	0	19
<i>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</i>			
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	25	25	0
Mechanics and Repairers	420	78	342
Construction Trade	542	407	135
Extractive Occupations	543	502	41
Precision Production Occupations	164	159	5
<i>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</i>			
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	150	138	12
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	131	131	0
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	98	74	24
<i>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</i>			
Reed Point Public Schools, P.O. Box 338, Reed Point, MT 59069, 406-326-2245	405	280	125
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).	163	78	85
	125	118	7
	117	84	33
	3	3	0

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Resources

⇒ Chamber of Commerce:

Columbus Chamber, P.O. Box 783, Columbus, MT 59019, 406-322-4505

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry:

Billings Job Service Workforce Center

2121-B Rosebud Drive, Billings, MT 59102, 406-652-3080,
<http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/billings>

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local telephone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at
<http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.

Cities and towns of Absarokee, Columbus, Fishtail, Molt, Nye, Park City, Rapelje and Reed Point Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Columbus—Courthouse, 406-322-8081

⇒ Newspaper:

Stillwater County News, P.O. Box 659, Columbus, MT 59019-0659, 406-322-5212, <http://www.stillwatercountynews.com/>

⇒ Public Library:

Stillwater County Library, 27 N. 4th St., Columbus, MT 59019-0266, 406-322-5009

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Absarokee Public Schools, 327 S. Woodard Ave., Absarokee, MT 59001, 406-328-4583

Columbus Public Schools, 433 N. 3rd St., Columbus, MT 59019-7165, 406-322-5373

Fishtail Elementary, P.O. Box 75, Fishtail, MT 59028, 406-328-4217

Molt Elementary, P.O. Box 70, Molt, MT 59057, 406-669-3218

Nye Elementary, Box 699, Absarokee, MT 59001, 406-328-6187

Park City Public Schools, P.O. Box 278, Park City, MT 59063, 406-633-2406

Rapelje Public Schools, P.O. Box 89, Rapelje, MT 59067, 406-663-2216

Reed Point Public Schools, P.O. Box 338, Reed Point, MT 59069, 406-326-2245

Stillwater County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 2000

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	274	2,962	\$110,715,481
PRIVATE BUSINESS	243	2,530	\$100,918,871
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	8	39	\$970,185
Agri Production/Livestock	3	31	\$856,667
Agriculture Services	4	7	\$113,518
MINING	4	1,170	\$74,529,427
CONSTRUCTION	43	68	\$1,335,905
General Building	16	24	\$437,764
Heavy Construction	4	3	\$126,551
Special Trade	22	39	\$771,590
MANUFACTURING	16	337	\$7,924,691
Food Products	3	14	\$161,336
Lumber	6	80	\$1,982,881
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	14	42	\$994,457
Trucking-Warehousing	6	18	\$282,829
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	5	17	\$614,367
WHOLESALE TRADE	18	53	\$1,742,967
Durable Goods	8	24	\$947,657
Nondurable Goods	9	29	\$795,310
RETAIL TRADE	63	424	\$4,555,819
Food Stores	7	99	\$1,058,288
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	7	50	\$944,037
Furniture Stores	8	15	\$333,863
Eating & Drinking	24	232	\$1,934,923
Miscellaneous Retail	8	9	\$144,526
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	9	99	\$3,699,618
Real Estate	5	8	\$162,036
SERVICES	63	291	\$5,132,406
Personal Services	3	12	\$140,718
Business Services	8	11	\$282,537
Auto Repair Services	5	29	\$637,761
Amusement & Recreation	8	13	\$135,517
Health Services	7	132	\$2,298,176
Social Services	7	44	\$431,467
Membership Organizations	7	20	\$160,599
Engineering Services	8	19	\$958,849
Private Households	4	2	\$15,430
GOVERNMENT	31	431	\$9,796,610
State	6	17	\$520,206
Local	15	369	\$8,208,334
Federal	10	44	\$1,068,070

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*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	\$28,542	\$27,322	\$25,874	\$24,651	\$23,562	\$22,581	\$21,718	\$21,082	\$20,089	\$19,584	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$21,997	\$21,307	\$20,173	\$19,383	\$18,764	\$18,129	\$18,072	\$17,114	\$16,509	\$15,524	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National Average	77%	78%	78%	79%	80%	80%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Stillwater County	\$21,827	\$19,880	\$18,589	\$18,114	\$17,574	\$17,277	\$16,328	\$15,385	\$14,515	\$14,395	\$8,916	\$3,854
% of National Average	76%	73%	72%	73%	75%	77%	75%	73%	72%	74%	86%	94%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2001

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county fliers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Stillwater County
Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
	5-11	763	366	1	1	5	3	4	2	12	6	26	14	12	8	
12-14	387	177	3	1	3	1	2	0	2	1	5	1	13	6		
15-17	384	189	0	0	5	4	4	2	8	3	9	5	18	6		
18-21	293	135	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	5	4	8	4		
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,827</i>	<i>867</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>24</i>		

Working & Voting Age	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
	16+	6,253	3,084	6	0	45	20	12	8	49	24	48	28	118	54	
16-64	5,075	2,449	6	0	42	20	12	8	47	23	45	25	105	47		
18+	5,985	2,952	6	0	41	17	9	6	43	21	40	24	105	50		
18-64	4,807	2,317	6	0	38	17	9	6	41	20	37	21	92	43		

Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
	0-4	415	203	1	0	3	3	0	0	12	6	17	9	17	7	
5-17	1,534	732	4	2	13	8	10	4	22	10	40	20	43	20		
18-44	2,585	1,260	2	0	23	9	5	4	34	18	27	14	60	29		
45-64	2,222	1,057	4	0	15	8	4	2	7	2	10	7	32	14		
65+	1,178	635	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	13	7		
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,934</i>	<i>3,887</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>77</i>		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data

Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

Stillwater County

County of Residence	# Who Work In Stillwater County		County of Work	# Who Live In Stillwater County	
	Total	Female		Total	Female
Out of State		27	Out of State		33
Carbon County		99	Carbon County		20
Cascade County		6	Custer County		10
Fergus County		6	Fergus County		2
Flathead County		8	Gallatin County		3
Gallatin County		28	Hill County		7
Golden Valley County		4	Missoula County		2
Missoula County		4	Park County		12
Park County		18	Richland County		7
Richland County		5	Rosebud County		6
Sheridan County		2	Stillwater County		2,384
Stillwater County		2,384	Sweet Grass County		3
Sweet Grass County		29	Yellowstone County		438
Yellowstone County		143			

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics